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My dear Gray

We were at Blackbrooke (Mr Crawford's) when your letter came and on Friday morning were kept so late that post was already gone out when we got home - which will account for my having taken no notice of it. I am delighted to hear you spent your time so agreeably at Paris and hope that may have in some measure made up to Gray for having been obliged to defer Italy till her next trip to Europe. On the 1st August the railroad across Ireland will be opened and good steamers running from Galway to New York will considerably shorten the voyage across the Atlantic and I hope on

may then see you often over here - One thing however now I cannot let you off from - that is another visit to Portrieux even if only for a few days - there is much I want to talk over with you among the weighties & plants - and unless you come we shall never cease ourselves for having so stupidly missed Mrs Gray both times that we have visited London since you were here - so come you must whether you will or no.

The sum due by Martin is £6-10-0 for Spruce plants sent in October last There will be a further sum due for the set now in distribution of which part was sent off in April but I shall not make up the accounts till the whole is sent off which I hope will be early next month If you do not owe Martin so much as the £6-10-0 I can add on any remaining balance to the next account - or if you owe him anything more than that you might leave the balance with me.

Yours very truly

George Deuttam